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SUBJECT: Location of the Missile Assembly Building for the Titan Program

Reference is made to ARDC Order No. AU-39, dated November 17, 1958, which authorized the construction by the Lemoore complex at Point Arguello for the Titan Program.

At the time the requested apportionment of the funds for this Lemoore complex and the associated Missile Assembly Building, the Director of the Budget, BOB (Comptroller), made the following observations in a memorandum to the Secretary, DOD:

> "It is to be noted that your request includes funds for missile assembly buildings to be located at Vandenberg Air Force Base, in conformity with the master plan of the Western Missile Range. It appears that a more suitable location for these facilities would have been the Navy industrial area at Point Arguello. The location of these facilities at Vandenberg, in our opinion, is likely to promote problems of transportation when considering the missile assembly needs which compete with Air Force base uses for the Vandenberg facilities, and is not conducive to maximum Air Force operational flexibility, the cost of which will be significant. ... It is requested that further consideration be given to the siting of these facilities."

It would be appreciated if you would review the siting of these facilities in a letter to me with special reference to the needs and other general use facility purposes which are the responsibility of the Western Missile Range. I suggest it would be helpful if your letter indicated the views of the Commander, Pacific Missile Range, concerning the location of this building, and I am therefore sending him a copy of this correspondence.

Upon receipt of your letter and BOB approval of the site location, funds shall be released for construction of the missile handling building.

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Secretary

1 Encl:
ARDC Order No. AU-39

cc: Commander
Pacific Missile Range, [redacted]

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